

P. G. 66-12

Embry African Methodist Episcopal Church
5101 Lakeland Road, College Park, Md.
Priv/Occ/Relig/Excellent

1920/1980

Embry A.M.E. Church is a one-story gable-roofed brick building, with entrance in the north gable end. There is a double door centered in this gable end, with a tri-partite pointed-arch fanlight, and there is a flanking window with similar tri-partite arch on each side of the door. In the gable above the door is a small bulls-eye window. Extending to the west at right angles is a long one-story parish-hall addition.

The community of Lakeland was subdivided and developed in the early 1890's. Blacks began to move into Lakeland around the turn of the century, and by 1903, an African Methodist Episcopal Church was established there, with meetings held in private homes. In 1905, with the encouragement of Bishop J. C. Embry, a small chapel was built and named in honor of the Bishop. The size and support of the membership increased, and the present lot was purchased in 1918; the nucleus of the present sanctuary was erected in 1920. Embry Chapel, although expanded and renovated in recent years, is significant because it represents a religious focal point for 80 years in a stable Black community.

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Survey No P.G. #66-12

Magi No. 1724004708

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Embry African Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5101 Lakeland Road ☐ not for publication

city, town College Park ☐ vicinity of Lakeland congressional district 5

state Maryland county P. G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Embry A.M.E. Chapel

street & number 5101 Lakeland Road telephone no.:

city, town College Park state and zip code Md.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber 138

street & number Main Street folio 191

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Embry A.M.E. Church is a one-story gable roofed brick building, with entrance into the north gable end. There is a double door centered in this gable end, with a tri-partite pointed-arch fanlight, and there is a flanking window with similar tri-partite arch on each side of the door. In the gable above the door is a small bulls-eye window.

Extending to the west at right angles is a long parish-hall addition, also one story high. There have been recent (since 1978) renovations to the sanctuary, extending the length of the building twenty feet to the south, and adding a pastor's study, business office and furnace room.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates 1920, c. 1980 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Embry A.M.E Church was established in 1903, and the first meetings were held in the home of Samuel Stewart. By 1905, with the encouragement of Bishop J. C. Embry, a small chapel was built on lot #6, block 12 of Lakeland. It was named in honor of Bishop Embry.

In the Baltimore Conference (of the A.M.E. Church) Minutes of 1906, Embry Chapel was noted as being in prosperous condition, and even though the church was very new, improvements had already been made. The membership at that point was still very small, but 35 members contributed to the Church, which was at that time under the leadership of Reverend Edward E. Tyler. The membership increased over the years, and a new (the present) lot was acquired in 1918. The nucleus of the present sanctuary was erected in 1920. In more recent years, a parish hall has been constructed, and the sanctuary has been enlarged and renovated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Interview with Rev. D. Carter, March 1983
79th Anniversary Booklet, Embury A.M.E. Church
P.G. Co. Deeds #16:329; #21:102
P.G. Co. Incorporations, JBB #1:41
Baltimore Conference Minutes. A.M.E. 1906

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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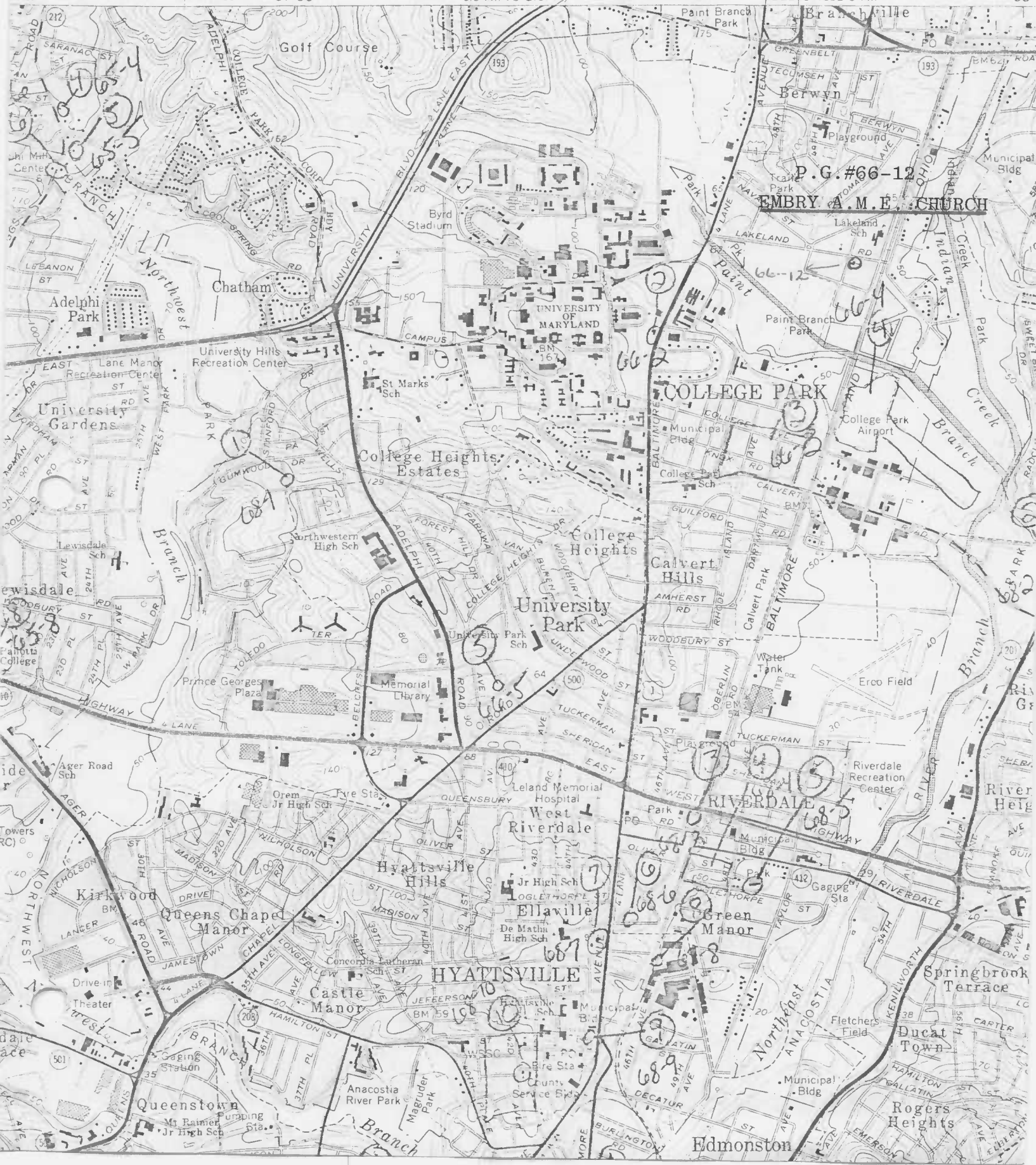
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Northwest 3/4 Elevation
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